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Welcome

## Logo Contest - \$500 Prize

*The Consortium for Conservation Medicine is a unique collaborative institution that strives to understand the link between anthropogenic environmental change, the health of all species, and the conservation of biodiversity.*

### Johns Hopkins Joins the CCM



The Consortium for Conservation Medicine (CCM) welcomes the addition of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public

Health's Department of Environmental Health Sciences as its fifth institutional partner. One of the first products from this joint venture will be the soon-to-be-launched journal *Ecology and Health*. Other initiatives underway are projects on how deforestation is driving malaria in the Amazon, what role West Nile virus will have on bird populations, the emergence of zoonotic viruses from bushmeat in Africa, and studies on dengue fever in Indonesia.

### JHSPH Launches Middle School Website

The CCM is a sponsor of the John's Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health's Global Environmental Change and Our Health website. The site includes content and lesson plans to teach middle school students about the effects of global climate and environmental change on human health. The site was launched on March 26th, 2003 in collaboration with the PBS Journey to Planet Earth Series.

### MEA Investigates Environmental Stability

The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MEA) is an ongoing project to analyze the capacity of ecosystems to produce goods and services necessary for human development. The MEA will look at historical and current trends to help us conserve and manage our resources wisely. CCM staff are collaborating on the MEA chapter "Human Infectious Diseases". CCM's Executive Director Peter Daszak, lead author, and convening lead author Jonathan Patz (JHSPH) will be working alongside Dr. Alex Hyatt and Dr. Kaw Bing Chua.

### CCM Supports AB-CRC

The CCM has been invited to partner with the Australian Biosecurity Cooperative Research Centre (AB-CRC). Operation of the center will begin in July of 2003 and is committed to the research of emerging infectious disease threats which impact on national and regional biosecurity. CCM's involvement in the AB-CRC is a part of our international outreach on EIDs.

### The Jeff Corwin Experience Visits CCM Bat Research

Animal Planet's Jeff Corwin flew down under to film the Hendripavirus Research Team while conducting bat sampling techniques in Australia. Pictured to the left is the Hendripavirus team's co-Investigator, Hume Field, alongside Jeff Corwin. The show will air on Wednesday, August 20th, 2003 at 9:00PM Eastern time on Animal Planet. Additional viewings will be available the following day and weekend. See your local listing for times.



### In The News

#### Boston Globe

*Crossing the species barrier*

#### Science News

*After West Nile Virus: What will it do to the birds and beasts of North America*

#### National Wildlife Federation-World Edition

*The Growing Threat of Wildlife Disease - pg. 39*



#### National Geographic

*Deadly New Virus Draws Experts to "Hot Zones"*